

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 2:35 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Representative Byrum made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Angerer made a motion to adopt Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. or after Committees are given leave to meet (whichever time is later), Room 307 House Office Building, as the new day, time and location for the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

The Chair laid SB 14 before the Committee.

SB 14 Barcia Agriculture; other; loan repayment for sugar beet cooperatives; extend.

Senator Barcia spoke to the Committee regarding SB 14.

Mark Flegenheimer, representing the Michigan Sugar Company, spoke to the Committee in support of SB 14 and answered questions.

Cards indicating support for SB 14 were submitted by:

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Representative Nitz made a motion to report SB 14 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

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The following individuals from the Michigan Department of Agriculture provided a presentation on Select Michigan and International Marketing:

Mitch Irwin, MDA Director
Bob Craig, Director, MDA Agriculture Development Division
Jamie Zmitko-Summers, International Marketing Specialist

Christine Lietzau, Manager of Select Michigan, provided additional information.

Questions and discussion followed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:50 p.m.

Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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